Aff causes transition wars which lock-in RE and independently escalate to extinction. **Lewis 2k** writes[[1]](#footnote-1)

Of course, most critics would argue, probably correctly, that **instead of allowing underdeveloped countries to withdraw from the global economy** and undermine the economies of the developed world**, the U**nited **S**tates, **Europe**, and Japan **and others will fight** neo-colonial **wars to force these countries to remain within** this collapsing global economy. **These neocolonial wars will result in** mass-death, **suffering, and** even **regional nuclear wars**. If First World countries choose military confrontation and political repression to maintain the global economy, then **we may see** mass- death and **genocide at a global scale** that will make the deaths of World War II pale in comparison. However, these **neo-colonial wars, fought to maintain** the **developed nations' economic** and political **heg**emony**, will cause** the final **collapse of** global industrial **civilization. These wars will** so damage the complex economic and trading networks and **squander** material, biological, and energy and human **resources** that they will undermine the global economy and its ability to support the Earth's six to eight billion people. This would be the worst-case scenario for the collapse of global civilization. **This is the** kind of global **nightmare** world **that would have been created by** a **full-scale global nuclear war** during the days of the Cold War. A civilization that prepared for such a global holocaust can’t entirely be trusted to manage a soft landing after the collapse of global industrial civilization. This is the nightmare that haunts many concerned intellectuals, who really understand the brutality and inhumanity demonstrated by 20th century global industrial civilization. Recent estimates suggest that more people were killed in this century by other people, over 160 million, than all the people killed by other people in recorded history.

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